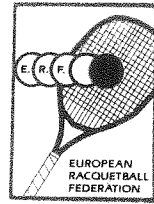


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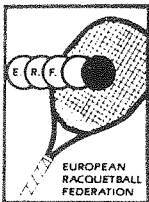


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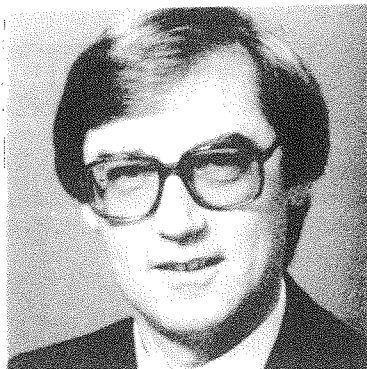
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Editorial

The coming months will be most exciting for European racquetball. In June, we will have many of the world's leading players competing against the best in Europe at the Floriade in Holland.

Shortly after we will meet again in Montreal for the World Championships. Already, France, Great Britain, Germany, Ireland, Holland and Belgium have indicated that they will have teams in Montreal.

We look forward to seeing them compete and improving



The Editor, Mr. Philip Duignan.

once again on the many fine achievements which European countries have obtained at World Championships since 1981.

The European Racquetball Federation and "Racquetball Europe" wish all federation members taking part and their players every success in Montreal.

Bobbi Brennan **Sportswoman of the Year**

PICTURED on the front cover of this edition of Racquetball Europe is Bobbi Brennan (Ireland) who took the Womens Singles and Doubles titles at the 1991 European Championships in Antwerp.

Bobbi has been selected Sportswoman of the Year in Tipperary. She won the award for her racquetball achievements in 1991. In addition to taking both European titles she also won the Womens Singles events at the 1991 Ulster Games and also the 1991 and 1992 Tralee International singles titles.

Bobbi is not only known for her skill as a tough, skillful racquetball player. She is equally admired for her fine sportsmanship both on and off the court.

Our congratulations to Bobbi on her excellent achievements and well deserved award as Tipperary Sports Star.

We wish her every success for the future.

EUROPEAN NEWS

BELGIUM

Since the beginning of this season, Belgian racquetball has proven to be on the up! A steadily growing group of enthusiastic players, "oldies" as well as new talents, have picked up the old trail and have played several tournaments in "the neighbourhood" (that includes France, Belgium and Holland).

The Antwerp International which was held on February 22-23 at Indoor, was marked by keen competition, especially in the categories of Mens C and Womens Open. In both events, several newcomers proved to be promising for the future. Nathalie and Michele De Wever (better known as the Twins) from Brussels and Sonny Kunnos from Paris are names that will certainly appear again in this magazine in the near future.

The Mens Open and B were put into one single bracket, of which the consolation served as B tournament. Erik Devis, a squash player who made his first appearance last year at the European Championships, made life very difficult for Philippe Lecomte in the semi-finals, as he did last year with former Dutch champion Raymond Postma. Eventually Philippe wrote his name on the tournament by a 2-0 victory over Ronald Schmid (Holland).

Results: Mens Open, 1, Philippe Lecomte (France); 2, Ronald Schmid (Holland). Mens B: 1, Tim Radder (Holland); 2, Dirk Smolders (Belgium). Mens C: 1, Niklaas De Boutte (Belgium); 2, Mark Verlinden (Belgium); cons: Ludo Loomans (Belgium).

Womens Open: 1, Angelique Baart de la Faille (Holland); 2, Cathy Tritsmans (Belgium); cons: Sonny Kunnos (France).

BRUSSELS OPEN: April 4/5, 1992

The Brussels Racquetball Club received the overwhelming number of 95 participants and even had to turn down about 20 people. Participants came from all over Europe, including Berlin and Strasbourg. All categories were amply filled, except for the Womens Open, who therefore played in pools. We had to follow a very tight schedule, so play continued until 3 o'clock am on Saturday night.

Nevertheless, the matches were played at high pace, especially in the Mens Open, where the participants didn't give anything for granted and almost every match ended with a tie-breaker. The Dutch delegation (16 players) was again very successful — Jerone and Jeroen came in first in doubles after they had played the singles final between them. Daphne Wannée won her 5th consecutive tournament.

Results: Mens Open, 1, Jeroen v d Holst (Holland); 2, Jeroen Vink (Holland); cons Edwin Schipper (Holland). Womens Open: 1, Daphne Wannée (Holland); 2, Kathy Tritsmans (Belgium). Mens B: 1, Mel Freeman (USM, Germany); 2, Eric Rihh (France). cons: Mark Verlinden (Belgium). Mens C: 1, Christopher Malenfant (France); 2, Niklaas De Boutte (Belgium); cons: Didier Franck (Belgium). Mens D: 1, Nicolas Tison (France); 2, Steven Boon (Belgium). cons: Paul Permentier (Holland). Womens B: 1, Michele De Wever (Belgium); 2, Romana Ennega (USM, Germany); cons: Els Mans (Holland). Doubles: 1, van der Holst/Vink (Holland); 2, Lecomte/Louvet (France).

The recent Interclub tournament was an outstanding success for the Belgian Federation. A challenge competition will be held over the next few weeks to keep the interest going. All players are welcome.

AMERICANS IN EUROPE

THE Berlin Championships were held on March 27-29, 1992. Results are as follows: Mens Open: 1, Bill Steadman; 2, John Meyer; 3, Mark Gerheuser; 4, Senen Ojeda.

Mens 35+: 1, Randy Perry; 2, Raymond Harris; 3, William Clinefelter; 4, Richie Thomas.

Womens Open: 1, Nancy Madera; 2, Yolanda Hodges; 3, Katrina Smith; 4, Maryn McDonald.

Mens Masters: 1, Frank Dane; 2, Milledge Freeman; 3, David Albert; 4, Ed Waller.

Senior Masters: 1, Bishop Johnson

AMERICANS IN EUROPE—continued

The Army European Racquetball Championships were held in Baumholder, Germany on April 3-5, 1992. Results: Mens Open: 1, James Gillhouse (Hanau); 2, Gale Fenwicxk (Heidelberg).

Mens Seniors 35-39 yrs: 1, Robert House (Kaiserslautern); 2, Tom Mafnas (Heidelberg).

Mens Masters 40-45 yrs: 1, George Summers (Augsburg); 2, Frank Dane (Berlin).

Mens Senior Masters (46+): 1, Andrew Brantley (Stuttgart); 2, Bishop Johnson (Berlin).

Womens Open: 1, Jackie Yzaguirre (Berlin); 2, Ann Fazekas (Wurzburg).

Womens Masters 30+: 1, Sallie Benedict (Ansbach); 2, Carol Brantley (Stuttgart).

FRANCE

The following are the results of Eiffel Tower Open (French Open): Mens Open, 1, Paul (CAN); 2, Berube (CAN); 3, Pitt (CAN).

Mens C: 1, Roche (IRL); 2, Schick (FRA); 3, Thioulouse (FRA).

Mens D: 1, Erramuzpe (FRA); 2, Groleau (FRA); 3, Gimpel (FRA).

Womens Open: 1, D. Wannée (HOL); 2, D. van Pelt (HOL); 3, C. Tristmans (BEL).

French ranking list: Mens A: 1, P. Lecomte; 2, F. Louvet; 3, M. Boulet; 4, Jb Lataillade.

Mens B: 1, E. Rihn; 2, B. Saillour; 3, Ph. Claude; 4, S. Baros.

Mens C: 1, B. Walter; 2, V. Nys; 3, Ch. Danglehant; 4, Jm. Thioulouse.

Mens D: 1, P. Groleau; 2, D. Schick; 3, Jm. Erramuzpe; 4, P. Marquez.

Phillipe Lecomte has advised the following tournaments to be held in France before the World Championships: May 8/10 East Open, Strasbourg; May 30/31 South West Open, Biarritz; June 13/14 French Nationals, Paris.

Phillipe also tells us that plans are well underway for the 1992 Europeans in Strasbourg on November 4-10, 1992.

GERMANY

THE 11th European Open was held in Hamburg in February. Claus Hildebrand, Olaf Gerullis, Thorsten Krieger and Mark Scheffler worked hard to make this event

happen. The result was an excellent and successful 11th European Open.

As expected Achim Loof and Trevor Hayter ruled the Mens Open events, joining together to take an easy 2-0 win in the doubles final over Ralf Klinke and Bernd Dröge. They then battled it out in the Mens Singles final. Hayter coming from behind in both games won the 2nd and 3rd game to take his first German - European title. Matthias Drieschner beat Philippe Lecomte (France) for 3rd place in a 15-12 tie-breaker.

Once again the Womens Singles title went to the brilliant Jackie Yzaguirre, who dominated the event without losing a single game.

Results: Mens Open: 1, T. Hayter; 2, A. Loof; 3, M. Drieschner; 4, P. Lecomte. cons: 1, M. Scheffler; 2, Jim Gilhouse.

Womens Open: 1, J. Yzaguirre; 2, B. Klinke; 3, R. Tiede. cons: 1, D. Halstedt; 2, C. Carstens.

Doubles Open: 1, Hayter/Loof; 2, Drago/Klinke; 3, Krieger/Stegel; 4, Gilhouse/Summors. cons: 1, Van der Holst/Matla; 2, Schimpf/Rangelo.

Mens B: 1, P. Matia; 2, B. Hartmann; 3, R. Pratt; 4, M. Schaeffer. cons: 1, V. Arcouette; 2, B. Curry.

Mens C: 1, R. Suffo; 2, S. Schneider; 3, Johnson. cons: 1, Douglas-Watson; 2, Incenzo.

Mens Seniors +35: 1, Summers; 2, Hart; 3, Dane; 4, Robinson. cons: 1, M. Freeman; 2, S. Halstaedt.

HOLLAND

Europe's oldest tournament — the Dutch Open held in Zoetermeer on March 13-15, had a top class entry from 8 countries. Despite a huge number of tiebreak games, Wim Vink kept the events moving and on schedule.

The Mens final was a rematch of the Tralee International final again Richard van Doezum from Holland beat European champion Achim Loof of Germany. However, this time on a closer scoreline of 15-10, 15-10 as Richard became the new Dutch champion for 1992.

The Womens Open final was an all Dutch event and Daphne Wannée captured her first major title with a two game 15-13, 15-10 win over Philomine van Pelt.

Results: Mens Open: 1, R. van Doezum (HOL); 2, J. Loof (GER); 3, M. v d Holst (HOL); 4, J. v d Holst (HOL).

HOLLAND – continued

Mens B: 1, E. Schipper (HOL); 2, D. Bienicki (USA); 3, R. Saffo (USA); 4, V. Arcouette (USA).

Mens C: 1, B. Johnson (USA); 2, J. Lysakowski (AUT); 3, J. Groleau (FRA); 4, G. Malifant (USA).

Mens 30+: 1, T. Mafnas (USA); 2, G. Dane (USA); 3, O. Balzuweit (GER); 4, S. Smith (USA).

Mens Doubles: 1, Vink/van der Holst (HOL); 2, Lecomte/Louvet (FRA); 3, Scheffler/Gerullis (GER); 4, Matla/Radder (HOL).

Womens Open: 1, D. Wannée (HOL); 2, P. van Pelt; 3, J. van Antwerpen; 4, A. Baart.

Womens B: 1, M. Hillen (BEL); 2, A. Peeters (BEL); 3, R. Hones (GER); 4, S. Kunnos (SWE).

SCHINNEN OPEN

The Schinnen Open was held in February 28, 28 and March 1. Between tournament director Gerry van de Kleut and the US M.C., the black history bmonth (Schinnen Open) was a great success for all participants. Hospitality was great. Travelling players were allowed sleep in the gym and tea, coffee and breakfast provided for all.

Jeroen van der Holst proved that he had returned to good form after his disappointment at the Tralee International the previous week.

Results: Mens Open: 1, Jeroen van der Holst (HOL) bt Kory Duante 2-0. Other winners Mens B: Tim Radder (HOL). Womens Open: Daphne Wannée.

GREAT BRITAIN

The following are the ranking list for Great Britain:-

Men: 1, Steven Williams; 2, David Brett Williams; 3, Eden Reyes; 4, Doug Stewart; 5, Gary Spraggins; 6, Jody Stahl; 7, David Fair; 8, Greg Stevens; 9, Tony Carter; 10, Elwood Holland.

Women: 1, Wendy Hacket; 2, Karen Walker; 3, Laura Chapman; 4, Lelian Holzerlandt; 5, Lynn Batten; 6, Julia Cummings; 7, Diane Pullman; 8, Michelle Harte.

RAF CHICKSANDS TOURNEY

The RAF Chicksands Tourney was held in November 22-24, 1991. Results: Mens Open: 1, S. Williams; 2, J. Stahl; 3, T. Carter; 4, D. Fair; cons: D. Stuart.

Mens B: 1, M. McAllister; 2, B. Hampton; 3, W. Hacket; cons: E. Savage.

Womens Open: 1, L. Chapman; 2, K. Walker; cons: E. Beach.

Doubles: 1, Carter/Yearwood; 2, Stuart/Spraggins; 3, McAllister/Savage; 4, Innazzo/Williams; cons: Fair/Stahl.

Mens Seniors: 1, S. Williams; 2, D. Fewell; 3, T. Pascal; 4, C. Simms; cons: E. Griffin.

Congratulations to Doug Stuart and Gary Spraggins for funning an excellent tournament.

US NAVY TOURNEY

The US Navy tourney was held in December 6-8, 1991. Results: Mens A: 1, D. Cloud; 2, T. Sams; 3, E. Lacy.

Mens B: 1, W. Hacket; 2, A. Eagle; 3, K. Moy.

Doubles: 1, W. Hacket/M. Hacket; 2, K. Moy/K. McCarney; 3, K. Walker/T. Sams.

A special thanks to Mike Barren and Archie Taton for running the tournament.

IRELAND

The Leinster Open was held in Arklow on February 1-2, 1992. Results: Mens Open: 1, A. Butler; 2, N. O'Callaghan.

Womens Open: 1, M. Duignan; 2, A. Whelan.

Mens B/C: 1, J. Ramsbotton; 2, T. Walsh.

Womens B/C: 1, M. Kavanagh; 2, I. Ryder.

Mens D: 1, B. Walsh; 2, P. Barrett.

Womens D: 1, M. Lundy; 2, L. Donovan.

Mens 35+: 1, P. Duignan; 2, M. Murphy.

Womens 35+: 1, B. Redmond; 2, A. O'Sullivan.

Mens C/D Doubles: 1, V. Fitzgerald/G. Redmond; 2, M. & L. Barnes.

Womens C/D Doubles: 1, M. Dooley/J. Redmond; 2, C. Vigors/J. Bolger.

TRALEE INTERNATIONAL (IRISH OPEN)

The 12th Tralee International took place on February 20-23. Over 150 players from Germany, Holland, England, USA and

IRELAND -- continued

Ireland took part in this the 12th Tralee Irish Open International event. The Mens Open event saw Richard van Doezum (Holland) dominant all the way. A previous winner in 1990, he regained the title with a smooth two set victory over European champion Achim Loof (Germany).

The Womens Open title went to European and defending champion, Bobbi Brennan (Ireland) for a second time when she defeated Berni Farrell, also on a 2-0 scoreline.

The Mens Open Doubles final was a thriller as German no. 3 Mathias Drieschner paired with the US player John Gilloley who beat Achim Loof and Trevor Hayter -- who had come to this tournament as favourites for the doubles and singles events as winners of the German and European Open in Hamburg.

Results: Mens Open: R. van Doezum (HOL) bt J. Loof (GER) 2-0. Ladies Open: B. Brennan (IRL) bt B. Farrell (IRL). Mens Dis: J. Gilloley (USA)/M. Dreischner (GER) bt A. Loof/T. Hayter 2-1. Mens B/C: M. Lynch bt V. Fitzgerald 2-0. Mens D: R. Haire (USA) bt S. Donovan 2-0. Mens o-35: P. Duignan bt J. Donovan 2-0. Mens o-45: K. Foster (USA) bt J. Comerford 2-0. Ladies B/C: P. O'Brien bt M. Kavanagh 2-0. Ladies D: J. McGrath bt K. O'Regan, 2-0.

BAXTER HEALTHCARE CASTLEBAR OPEN: March 27/29:

The second Castlebar Open sponsored by Baxter Healthcare attracted 92 competitors. The event was one of many surprises with local players Tommy Geelan making it all the way into the Mens Open final. He beat no. 1 seed Noel O'Callaghan in the quarters before losing to Jimmy Gannon who beat the holder Anthony Butler in the semis. In the Womens event Marie Duignan retained the Ladies singles title defeating Bobbi Brennan in a tough hard fought final.

Results: Mens Open: J. Gannon bt T. Geelan, 2-0; Mens B/C: T. Geelan bt V. Fitzgerald, 2-0. Mens D: J. Kilcoyne bt K. Connolly 2-0. Mens Novice: P. Kennedy bt J. Lynch 2-0. Mens o-40: J. Comerford bt G. Redmond 2-1. Mens Open Dis: Slattery & O'Callaghan bt Butler/Duignan 2-0. Mens C/D Dis: Kennedy/Kennedy bt Fitzgerald/Redmond 2-1.

Ladies Open: M. Duignan bt B. Brennan 2-1. Novice: B. Burke bt P. O'Brien 2-1. o-45: P. O'Brien btn A. Barnes 2-1.

ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Arklow captured the National Club Championship for the third time when defeating the Kilkenny Leisure Centre team in an exciting final.

HOLDERS Templederry, placed third just holding off the challenge from a very exciting Newry team who were taking part in the event for the first time. Results: 1st Arklow; 2nd Kilkeny; 3rd Templederry; 4th Newry.

NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP,

Arklow, March 14/15: Mens Open: J. Gannon/M. Rowlands bt A. Butler/P. Duignan 2-0. Mens C/D: M. Barnes/L. Barnes bt V. Fitzgerald/G. Redmond 2-1. Womens Open: M. Duignan/B. Farrell bt G Byrne/P O'Brien 2-1. Womens C/D: A M. O'Sullivan/R. Redmond bt C. Vigers/J. Bolger 2-1.

ARKLOW OPEN, Arklow, May 1, 2 & 3:

This was the last Irish tournament before the forthcoming Nationals to be held in Tralee at the end of the month. Tournament Director Michael Murphy did a tremendous job in organising the 95 competitors in their various categories. Also the buffet arrangements were a great success over the weekend.

Results: Mens Open: N O'Callaghan bt A Butler 2-0. Mens Dis: J Gannon/M. Rowlands bt W Lawrence/M Mulhall 2-0. Mens B/C: T Geelan bt V Fitzgerald 2-0. Mens D: B Hanafin bt B Morrissey 2-0. Mens C/D Dis: L Barnes/J McGarvey bt V Fitzgerald/G Redmond 2-1. Ladies Open: B. Brennan bt M Duignan 2-0. Ladies Dis: M Duignan/B Farrell bt G Bryne/P O'Brien 2-0. Ladies D: J Bolger bt P O'Brien 2-0.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The rescheduled European Congress will be held during the World Championships in Montreal. The closing date for nominations to the EXCO and motions for consideration is May 15. This congress will see the new position of treasurer included on the EXCO. As agreed at the 1991 Congress in Antwerp a women's representative will also be included on the EXCO format bringing the total EXCO to 5 people max.

Around the Globe

WHEELCHAIR RACQUETBALL

AT the 1990 IRF Congress in Venezuela, it was agreed that wheelchair racquetball would become a full World Championship event at future World tournaments.

David Hinton (Canada) was appointed chairman of the Disabled Athletes Committee and as a result of his splendid work, Wheelchair Racquetball has continued to develop and flourish. This hard work will finally bear fruit in Montreal when the various national teams take their rightful place at the opening ceremonies.

David has been a most welcome contributor to *Racquetball Europe* and as a result we will be including a Wheelchair Review page in future newsletters.

I have set out extracts from a letter written by David to all European and National bodies, as well as results of Wheelchair events.

1992 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS — WHEELCHAIR EVENT

Under the direction and support of the Executive of the international Racquetball Federation at the last AGM (Caracas, Venezuela, August 1990), it was decided that wheelchair events would be permitted at all sanctioned events should sufficient interest warrant.

To this end, as chairman of the Disabled Athletes Committee, I am soliciting preliminary indication of your intent to have representatives from your country participate in this event at the 1992 World Championships in Montreal.

I would suggest that prior to making any commitment, that you consult with your national association for wheelchair athletes who may be able to assist with potential athletes as well as possible avenues for financial support. To also assist with the development of this program, I would appreciate any information on athletes participating in the sport as well as upcoming events that can be published in magazines of this nature.

Please address any comments, concerns or ideas to: David Hinton, Technical Director, Racquetball Canada, Suite 303, 1600 James Naismith Drive, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada, K1B 5N4.

PARMELLY WINS (AGAIN)!!

Ranked 1 in the world, Chip Parmelly of Diamond Bar, California continued his winning ways at the 1992 Ektelon Winter Racquetball Classic held at the Racquetball World Club of Santa Ana, California in mid January.

The event, held in conjunction with a Women's Professional Racquetball Association competition saw Parmelly capture the title with a 15-3, 15-6 victory over Gary Baker of Indianapolis, Indiana (ranked 2 in the US). Parmelly advanced to the finals without losing a single game in the preliminary rounds.

Bakers trip to the finals a lot rougher with some hard won matches in the preliminary rounds and then faced a real scare from Ken Michaylenko of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada in the semi-finals. Michaylenko, ranked 4 in Canada, took the first game 15-6.

However, the tie-breaking game started with Michaylenko taking early control and a quick 4-1 lead. Once again, a well positioned timeout did the trick as Baker pulled back into a 4-4 tie. For the next 20 minutes, it was a seesaw battle as the score crept up one point at a time with the tie still intact at 7-7. It was at this point that Baker pulled away, never to be caught by Michaylenko despite his hastily called timeouts, ending with a 11-7 victory for Baker.

With approximately 300 competitors, in total, at this fully integrated competition, coupled with the affiliation to the Womens Professional Racquetball Association, wheelchair racquetball received additional exposure through competitive opportunities that is invaluable at this time.

THE RACQUETBALL EVENT OF THE YEAR!

That was the billing offered up on all promotional material by John Pushak and his organising committee for the 1992 Shop 'N' Save Pro-Am racquetball tournament in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from February 19 to 23. Somewhat boastful, but according to the wheelchair athletes, able-bodied professionals and corporate sponsors it was acutely correct.

Although listed as a Mens Professional Racquetball Tour stop, it was hard to discern whether it was the professional men or the wheelchair athletes that were the emphasis and highlight of the event. So much so that the members of the professional tour through their entire support behind the wheelchair athletes and donated numerous items that were auctioned off on the Saturday evening to raise funds in support of the National Wheelchair Racquetball Association. The finals of the wheelchair division was played on the show court immediately prior to the finals of the pro event and all successful competitors were included in the corporate photo session and the end of the tournament.

But on the competitive results. With headlines of 'Canadian National Wheelchair Team Scheduled to compete in Pro-Am', splashed across local tabloids in advance of the competition, the stage was set for the possibility of some interesting matches. Both Earl McArthur (Winnipeg, Manitoba), and Jake Smellie (Winnipeg, Manitoba), would carry the flag for Canada expecting to meet the top two Americans, Chip Parmelly (Diamond Bar, Ca.) or Gary Baker (Indianapolis, IN), somewhere in the draw. These four players each represented their respective country in a demonstration event held in August 1990 in Caracas, Venezuela at the World Racquetball Championships. Some of the top players from the east coast were in attendance including Mark Jenkinson, a player living in the United States who will, under his British passport, be representing Great Britain at this year's World Racquetball Championships during August in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

All four players advanced out of their respective round robin pool with results of the round robin used to determine what the match-ups would be in the semi-finals. On one side of the draw Earl McArthur was to meet Jake Smellie while on the other side, Chip Parmelly would take on fellow countryman Gary Baker. Parmelly duly beat Baker 15-3, 15-11 to reach the final. While Smellie beat McArthur 15-13, 15-13.

With Parmelly in the final, the only question being asked around the 'show court' and the 200 or so spectators was not would he win, but how many points could Smellie get off him. Although a top player in his own right, Smellie proved to be no match for Parmelly, as no player in the world seems to be at this time. Parmelly's speed, power and shot making skills carried him to a straight games victory over Smellie with scores of 15-3, 15-3.

The Floriade

FROM June 10 to 14, the Netherlands Racquetball Association will stage the most prestigious and important European racquetball tournament, outside of the 1988 World Championships, which were held in Hamburg, Germany.

The venue will be The Hague and the event will take place as part of the festivities surrounding The Floriade.

The Floriade is the greatest display of flower and gardens in the world and is held on a 10 yearly basis between April and October. It is expected to attract 2½ million people to the exhibition which will have many cultural and sporting activities taking place over the six months of the festival.

The line up for the racquetball is a veritable who's who of racquetball stars from the Americas, Europe and Asia will be taking part. There are 5 World champions involved along with 4 European champions and even more national champions.

For five days the 16 women and 32 men will play in 4 and 8 divisions. After that the event moves to a knockout system with quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals.

There will be a doubles event also. Prizemoney for singles events is \$1,000 for 1st; \$750 for 2nd and \$500 for third place.

Players will be hosted free and the organisers have arranged tournament T-shirts, free beverages, souvenirs, three days of sight-seeing and free transportation for all participants.

Listed below are the entries received to date for Mens and Womens events. There are a few blank spaces to be filled in via National Federations.

The organising of such an enormous event is a tribute to the Dutch Racquetball Federation and its governing body and in particular a reflection of two years great work by Rene Heheman in making the event happen.

Racquetball Europe congratulates the NRA on this great achievement and wishes all the participants an enjoyable and memorable tournament.

FLORIADE INVITATIONAL RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT LIST OF MALE PARTICIPANTS

1, Richard v. Doezum	The Netherlands	1991 national champion
2, Jerone Vink	The Netherlands	
3, Jerone v.d. Holst	The Netherlands	
4, Ronald Schmid,	The Netherlands	
5, Michniel v. d. Holst	The Netherlands	
6, Pascal Matla	The Netherlands	1992 Mens B Open Euro. champion
7, Edwin Schipper	The Netherlands	
8, Bruno Wattenberg	Belgium	1992 national champion
9, Erland Schönberger	Belgium	
10,	Canada	
11,	Canada	
12, Philip Lecomte	France	1991 national champion
13, Francois Louvet	France	
14, Joachim Loof	Germany	1991 European champion
15, Matthias Drieschner	Germany	
16, Bernd Dröge	Germany	
17, Mark Scheffler	Germany	1992 national champion
18, Trevor Hayter	Germany	1992 German Open winner
19,	Great Britain	
20, Noel O'Callaghan	Ireland	1991 national champion
21, Anthony Butler	Ireland	1989 national champion
22, Christy Slattery	Ireland	
23, Manya Tanaka	Japan	
24, Yutaka Furuta	Japan	
25, Egan Inoue	USA	1986 + 1990 World champion
26, Doug Ganim	USA	1990 World doubles champion
27, Allan Engel	USA	1991 Florida State Junior champion
28, Sudsy Monchik	USA	1991 World Junior champion
29, James Mulcock	USA	1991 Nat. Junior Champion u-16
30, Bill Cobham	USA	
31, Fabian Balmori	Venezuela	1989 World Junior Champion

LIST OF FEMALE PARTICIPANTS

1, Daphne Wannée	The Netherlands	
2, Philomine v Pelt	The Netherlands	1991 national champion
3,	The Netherlands	
4,	Belgium	
5, Birgit Klinke	Germany	1992 national champion
6, Wendy Hackett	Great Britain	1991 national champion
7, Karen Walker	Great Britain	1991 Euro. doubles silver medallist
8, Bobbi Brennan	Ireland	1991 European champion
9, Marie Duignan	Ireland	1990 European champion
10, Bernie Farrell	Ireland	1992 national doubles champion
11, Yuka Tan-No	Japan	
12, Hiromi Miyamoto	Japan	
13, Elkova Icenogle	USA	1991 National Junior champion
14, Rusty Icenogle	USA	
15, Heather Dunn	USA	1991 World Junior champion
16, Vicki Brown	Canada	

News from the US

JUNIOR TEAM USA TAKES FIRST WORLD TITLE

The AARA's newly-formed "Junior Team USA" took its first international team title with a world championship win over Canadian and Mexican junior players at the 1991 IRF World Junior Racquetball Championships in Jacksonville, December 18-22. In championship rounds U.S. Juniors won six of seven boy's divisions, four of six girl's divisions, and seven of eight doubles divisions. On team points, Canadian juniors came in second and up-and-coming Mexican youngsters took third.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

MEN'S OPEN

1. Doug Ganim, OH
2. Tim Sweeney, IL
3. Dan Fowler, MD
4. Joe Cline, NJ
5. Michael Bronfeld, CA
6. Tim Hansen, FL
7. Dale Johnson, IL
8. Chris Marshall, NC
9. James Lorello, FL
10. Louis Vogel, NM

WOMEN'S OPEN

1. Michelle Gilman, OR
2. Kim Russell, GA
3. Robin Levine, CA
4. Dot Fischl-Kelly, PA
5. Lynne Coburn, MD
6. Marianne Walsh, UT
7. Marcy Lynch, PA
8. Corinna Banks, WA
9. Malia Bailey, VA
10. Toni Bevelock, CA

MEN'S Wheelchair

1. Mike Bond, FL
2. Dan Kilmartin, NY
3. Jeff Rowe, NY
4. Joe Soares, FL
5. Raleigh Perry, FL
6. Bill Searles, NY
7. Roy Kayser, FL

WOMENS PROFESSIONAL RANKINGS

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Michelle Gilman, ID | 6. Kaye Kuhfeld, IN |
| 2. Malia Bailey, VA | 7. Dottie Kelly, PA |
| 3. Jackie Paraiso-Gibson, CA | 8. Marcy Lynch, PA |
| 4. Toni Bevelock, CA | 9. Marci Drexler, CA |
| 5. Lynne Coburn, MD | 10. Sandy Robson, CA |

World Seniors Championships

The World Seniors Championships will be held in New Mexico from September 8 to 12. The venue is Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque. Entry forms are available from Gary mazaroff, c/o World Senior Racquetball Championships, PO BOX 30188, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87190. Closing date for entries is August 10. The events will be run on a round robin basis (no consolation event) and awards for top 4 finishers in groups of 8 or more. Age categories are 35+ to 80+ and as usual it promises to be a great event socially as well as a great international racquetball occasion.

Men's Pro Tour Players Relinquish Amateur Status

On October 18th in Toronto, Ontario the International Racquetball Tour's top 16 ranked players voted to relinquish their amateur status and clearly define themselves as professional athletes in the sport of racquetball. This group of players which included all the top 16 ranked players (except Doug Ganim and David Sable who were not able to attend), felt that it was time to make a move many in the sport have seen coming and pushed for over the last few years. The American Amateur Racquetball Association was notified immediately following the meeting.

In accordance with the MPRA policy restricting its top sixteen ranked tour players from amateur play, three U.S. Team members resigned to concentrate on the pro tour exclusively. Resignations were accepted from Tim Doyle of Fountain Valley, California ('89 & '90 National Singles Champion); Brian Hawkes of Santa Ana, California ('91 U.S. Olympic Festival doubles champion, '89 Tournament of the

Americas doubles champion); and Andy Roberts of Cordova, Tennessee ('91 U.S. Olympic Festival champion, '88 World Champion). At the time the new MPRA policy was announced, Doyle was ranked #4, Hawkes at #12 and Roberts at #1 on the tour.

The AARA responded by selecting roster replacements from the ranks of top finishers at the 1991 Ektelon National Singles Championships. New U.S. Team members are Chris Cole of Davison, Mich. ('90 U.S. Olympic Festival silver medalist); Mike Guidry of Arlington, Texas ('88 & '89 Junior National champion, '90 silver medalist in doubles); and Tim Hansen of West Palm Beach, Fla. ('90 National Doubles champion, '91 Tournament of the Americas doubles champion). At the U.S. National Singles event, Cole finished #9, Guidry at #6 and Hansen at #7.

International Racquetball Federation News

Olympic Policy Change

by Luke St. Onge

WE have recently been informed by the International Olympic Committee that there will be no demonstration sports in the '96 Olympic Games. If this policy remains unchanged by the IOC, there is virtually no possibility of racquetball being included in the Atlanta Games.

In recent years the IOC has become increasingly alarmed with various sports who have had exhibition or demonstration status promoting themselves in such a way as to indicate that they are a full medal sport in the Olympic Games. In response, the IOC has basically eliminated both exhibition and demonstration sports from all future Olympic Games following Barcelona this year. Thus, there is no longer a chance for any new sport to show its worthiness for inclusion before the IOC members who make decisions to accept or reject a sport for future Olympic Games.

The IOC has also made it very clear that although new sports will be considered for the Olympic program in the year 2000, that decision will weigh heavily on the ability of that sport to be televised and to generate television revenues.

DRUG TESTING IN RACQUETBALL

By Rhett Rainey
U.S. Team Physician



As our quest for Olympic racquetball continues, we also adopt policies required by other participating national governing bodies that are already in the Olympics. One of these concerns drug testing and its direct effect on all athletes in our sport.

I thought it would be informative to discuss some of the aspects of drug testing and its impact on competitive athletes pursuing national and international competition. At our last Racquetball World Championships in Caracas, Venezuela, I was voted to head a committee regarding drug testing and regulation within our sport. We are in the process of determining how this will relate to the International Olympic Committee.

Doping is currently defined as the administration of or use by a competing athlete of any substance foreign to the body or any physiological substance taken in abnormal quantity with the sole intention of increasing his or her performance in competition. Also regarded as doping is when medically necessary agents given to treat certain conditions enhance the athlete's performance.

If a positive drug test is encountered, sanctions are based on the type of drug abused. International Olympic Committee sanctions for anabolic steroids, amphetamines, diuretics, beta blockers, narcotics and designer drugs are:

- 2 years for the first offense
- life ban for the second offense.

Ephedrine, codeine, caffeine, etc. (when administered orally as a cough suppressant or pain killer) carries:

- maximum of 3 months for the first offense
- 2 years for the second offense
- life ban for the third offense

The following classes of substances are banned by the USOC and IOC:

1. Stimulants
2. Narcotics
3. Anabolic Steroids
4. Beta Blockers
5. Diuretics
6. Peptide Hormones and Analogues

Blood doping is banned as well as certain restrictions applied to alcohol, marijuana, local anesthetics, and corticosteroids.

1. **Stimulants** are drugs which increase alertness, reduce fatigue and may increase competitiveness and hostility. They are banned because they can produce both psychological and physical stimulus to athletic performance.

The possible harmful effects include aggressiveness, anxiety, increased heart rate and blood pressure, and dehydration. Complications from these side effects include stroke, irregular heartbeat, cardiac arrest, psychological problems, and even death.

Many stimulants are contained in over the counter medications, and are often present in cold and hay fever preparations. Because these medications are easily available and commonly used, athletes must be very careful not to take banned substances inadvertently. For example, some banned substances are contained in Actifed, Chlortrimeton, Co-Tylenol, Dristan, Allerest and Alkasetzer Plus.

2. **Narcotic Analgesics** are essentially pain killers. They produce a sensation of euphoria, a false feeling of invincibility and illusions of athletic prowess beyond the athlete's ability. They may also increase the pain threshold so that the athlete may fail to recognize injury, thus leading to more serious injury.

3. **Anabolic Steroids** are derivatives of the male hormone, testosterone. It regulates, promotes, and maintains physical and sexual development in normal males. Anabolic steroids increase protein synthesis which may create an increase in lean muscle mass. Some athletes perceive an increase in strength, endurance and athletic performance.

Use of anabolic steroids interferes in normal hormone function and produces detrimental side effects including liver disease, premature heart disease, acne, increased aggressiveness, impotence, kidney dysfunction, testicular atrophy, breast enlargement, baldness and prostatitis.

4. **Beta Blockers** are drugs commonly used for heart disease to lower blood pressure and decrease the heart rate. These drugs have been used in sports such as shooting to steady the nerves and the trigger finger. In sports where endurance is important, beta blockers would be detrimental, therefore only certain sports are tested for these substances.

5. **Diuretics** are drugs that are used to help eliminate fluids from the tissues. They are sometimes misused to reduce weight quickly and to reduce the concentration of drugs in the urine by producing a more rapid excretion of urine to attempt to minimize detection of drug misuse.

6. **Peptide Hormones** interact to stimulate growth, influence sex drive, behaviors and natural analgesia. An example of a peptide hormone is human chorionic gonadotrophin. Administration of this substance increases the production rate

of endogenous androgenic steroids and is considered equivalent to administration of testosterone. This can cause muscle growth, diabetes, heart disease, thyroid disease and menstrual disorder.

But, there are still some medications that can be used. Some examples are aspirin, Tylenol, anti-inflammatory medications, muscle relaxants, benadryl, antibiotics and non-narcotic cough medicines. The decision to risk any use of drugs is a decision to risk your health, your future, your reputation and the reputations of your teammates.

News from Canada

DAN STONE RETIRES

Dan Stone, Past President of Racquetball Canada and Chairman of the National Team Committee announced his retirement from all active participation in the business of the Association at the Special General Meeting in February.

Dan has been involved in racquetball since 1973 when he took up the sport. He became involved in the Nova Scotia Racquetball Association in 1974 and was active in the provincial association for six years before moving on to the national scene.

During his time at the national level he has been President (six years) and Past President of Racquetball Canada and has chaired the planning committee which developed the Long Term Plan, the Domestic Plan and the High Performance Plan.

Dan was also active at the international level, serving as the Representative of the North American Zone and Vice-President on the International Racquetball Federation Executive.

He has contributed a great deal to racquetball in Canada and to the Association. He will be missed.

CANADIAN RANKINGS 1992

MEN SINGLES

1	GREENFELD, Sherman	2433
2	HARRIPERSAD, Roger	2308
3	ROY, Simon	2291
4	CERESIA, Mike	2192
5	MCQUARRIE, Doug	2188
6	JONES, Haydn	2172
7	HARVEY, Ross	2139
8	MERCIER, Martin	2116
9	PRATT, Robert	2096
10	MORAN, Darren	2075

WOMEN SINGLES

1	STUPP, Heather	1806
2	MCFETRIDGE, Carol	1623
3	MACTAGGART, Sue	1595
4	GRANDMAITRE, Josée	1551
5	BROWN, Vicki	1537
6	ELLERINGTON, Linda	1504
7	WARD, Debbie	1483
8	NICHOLS, Catherine	1471
9	JOHNSTONE, Lori	1449
10	VERILLI, Nadia	1423

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Top US coach in Belfast

LARRY LILES, Head Coach in Memphis State University, flew into Belfast on April 11 to conduct a course for advanced racquetball coaches in Beechmount Leisure Centre. The course, which ran from Sunday, April 12 to Friday, April 17 was organised by Liam McCarney as part of the Old Bushmills International Academy for Coaches. The purpose of the Academy which is held annually, is to provide a centralised residential forum and opportunity for the advanced training of teachers, instructors, coaches, tutors and officials in sport. Over the past 16 years almost 6,500 delegates and 46 sports have benefited from either the specialist training or qualifications gained by attending the Academy.

This year there were 19 courses covering a range of activities from gymnastics to yoga and football to fencing. Due to Liam's initiative, racquetball was included for the first time. Courses are normally centred at the University of Ulster at Coleraine — just a few miles from the Bushmills Distillery (the event sponsors). However, because there are no racquetball courts in Coleraine, the racquetball course was held in Beechmount Leisure Centre in Belfast.

All affiliated clubs in Ireland were invited to nominate coaches to participate in the course. In the event there were nine participants. These were Marie and Philip Duignan, Kathleen Curran, Rose Mary Morrissey, Michael O'Toole, Malachy Crudden, Marty McCone, Pat Loy and Liam McCarney.

Larry Liles has coached the US national squad which won the last three World Championships in Orlando, Florida in 1986; Hamburg, Germany in 1988 and Caracas, Venezuela in 1990. He coaches Andy Roberts who was World Individual Champion in 1988 and is currently No. 1 on the US Pro circuit. He has been coaching racquetball in Memphis State for 18 years and in that time has taken his University team to 15 national titles.

The course itself was most successful and over the 6 days covered essential skills, practice sessions, offensive and defensive play, shot selection, singles and doubles strategy, fitness and nutrition, conditioning and psychology of the game.

The response from those attending was very positive and the lessons learned will without question be used and implemented by the coaches attending the Academy. All told, an excellent and worthwhile visit from one of the world's leading coaches.

GILBEY'S ULSTER GAMES RACQUETBALL INTERNATIONAL Ireland stike gold in Belfast

The Irish men's team won the gold medal in the Gilbeys Ulster Games in Belfast on April 24/26, with the USA taking silver and Germany bronze. This was fitting revenge for Ireland who entered last year's event as firm favourites but found themselves pipped at the post by a fine German squad. Noel O'Callaghan, Anthony Butler and Philip Duignan were in fine form and went through the team event without dropping a single game — finishing on a maximum of 18 points. The USA finished on 9 points, Germany on 7 and Ulster on 5. The Mens Singles title went to Jurgen Denk (Germany) who moved into top gear for the event. Having beaten Anthony Butler and Philip Duignan he met the third member of the Irish squad in the final. Noel O'Callaghan was seeded no. 1 for this event but Denk giving away over 20 years in age to O'Callaghan, came from behind to take the first game 15-14. Denk's win in this first game broke O'Callaghan's spirit and he could not settle into any pattern as Denk displayed all his experience to capture the second game 15-5 and take the gold medal.

Results: Mens Singles final: J Denk (GER) bt N O'Callaghan (IRL) 15-14, 15-5. SF: Denk bt Duignan 15-10, 15-7; O'Callaghan bt Crudden 15-6, 15-4. Mens Doubles final: Denk/Duignan bt Butler/Stich 11-7, 7-11, 11-9.

SPORTSPOINT ULSTER LEAGUE

As the Sportspoint Ulster League enters its final phase, Newry Sports Centre have a clear seven points lead over nearest rivals Queens. But Newry haven't uncorked the champagne yet. With each team having two matches left to play the outcome will be in doubt to the final game. Queens should be able to pick up a maximum eight points against Carrickmore while Newry are expected to collect five against Beechmount. This would narrow the gap to four points for the final match which is a head-to-head between the two leaders. This is certain to be a thriller with the destination of the Sportspoint Cup uncertain until the final game. Queens need to win this one 8-0 to take the title which seems something of a tall order. A more likely outcome would be a 4-4 draw which would give the title to Newry. One could not ask for a more exciting finish — one which is bound to be good for the development of racquetball in Ulster. Neither side will relax until the final point is called.

Behind the Screens

by Marie



Cuddly Korner — Congratulations to Lynn and Dave Mattingly on the arrival of baby Nancy Colleen.
To Chantal and Benoit Turcotte on the birth of their lovely girl Amelie.

Wedding Bells — for Heather Staff and Robert Meyer on 18th June. Craig and Breda Helian tied the knot on 6th March. Our congratulations and best wishes for the future to both happy couples.



Well done — to Tommy Geelan (Castlebar), Richard van Doezum (Zoetermeer), John Comerford (Kilkenny) and Bobbi Brennan (Fethard) on being selected as Sports Stars in 1992.

Fond farewell — to Lou Souther, Jan and the girls who have departed Europe for New Mexico.

Best wishes to Spike Smith and Rudi Zamarippa who depart Munich for the States shortly. Ship wants to have a reunion of the card sharks next year. How about it fellas.



POST BOX

Ideas box — Angelique Baart de la Faille and Jeroen van der Holst have suggested a European ranking list. Both are willing to put time and energy into collecting the results of all tournaments played in Europe to draw up the ranking list. This is a great idea and deserves the co-operation of all tournament directors and European Federation countries. Results and ideas for the ranking lists should be sent to Angelique at Leopold II, Laan 187, 1080, Brussels, Belgium or phone 0032/2/4262361.

Video Scene — A video of the highlights of the 1991 European Championships, Tralee International 1992 and the Ulster Games 1992 has been compiled by Pat Loy. These tapes include extracts from the games and social events. The videos are available from Pat Loy at 48 Stream St., Newry, Co. Down, N. Ireland, BT34 1HJ and cost US\$24 per video.

Put in writing — Jeroen van der Holst spoke to us about a question and answer section in our magazine. To start the ball rolling, he would like your feedback on the following: (1) What are the principal aims and goals of the ERF at the moment? (2) What should be the policy of the ERF to achieve its goals; (3) What can the ERF member countries and players do to help reach these goals; (4) What are the plans for ERF expansion in the future? (5) How do players/people become involved with the ERF to help it develop? (6) What is the budget of the ERF? how is distributed? (7) What are the resources of the ERF? and are there any new ideas to raise money for the ERF. These are excellent and important questions on the future of European racquetball. Let's have your views and ideas. Send your reply to: Jeroen van der Holst, Weteringdreef 159, 2724 GX Zoetermeer, The Netherlands.



Coaching Scene in Ireland

THE RAI Club Clinics for coaches and beginners are starting to take off nicely according to RAI National Coach Marie Duignan. During March, 10 new coaches were certified following a 2 day course in Castlebar.

The clinic was brought about mainly through the work of Michael Haverty and included representatives from four clubs in the west of Ireland — Castlebar, Ballinrobe, Newport and Castlereagh.

Those who successfully completed the course received their certificates at the Castlebar Open. Our new coaches in the west of Ireland are M. Haverty, O. Jennings, Bernie Burke, O. Moran, J. Gibbons, K. Connelly, G. Heraty, M. Conway, Marguerite Gannon and Ann Marie Fitzgerald.

The next major clinic will be held in Skibereen, Co. Cork during June.

Once again for clubs in Ireland we have listed details of the course below:-
RAI CLUB CLINICS — Beginners course in basic techniques and basic strategy. Available to coaches and players. Venues: local to participants. Costs: 50% grant aid from RAI towards overall cost. Duration: two days. Course content includes skills, development, approval, technical aspects and strategy. Also coaching/player video tapes and AARA instruction development.

Enquiries, information and set-up, contact: **MARIE DUIGNAN, National Coach, RAI, 29 Calderwood Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.**

★ RAI coaching certificate will be presented to coaches who successfully complete the programme.

★ European Federation members can, if required, obtain copies of the RAI courses and rework them to cover their own particular need. Contact: Marie Duignan.



Pictured after receiving their certificates at Castlebar Racquetball Club's Coaching Course held recently in An Sportlann. (Back, left to right): Oliver Jennings, Oliver Moran, Marie Duignan (Racquetball Association of Ireland Coach); Kevin Connolly, Gus Heraty (Aughagower). Front: Michael Haverty, Bernie Burke, Kieran Tuite, Baxter Healthcare, main sponsors Castlebar Open and Joe Gibbons.

IRISH CALENDAR 1992/93

May 8/10
 May 23/24
 May 30/31
 July 4/5
 September
 September
 October
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 November
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 February

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 MENS NATIONAL SINGLES
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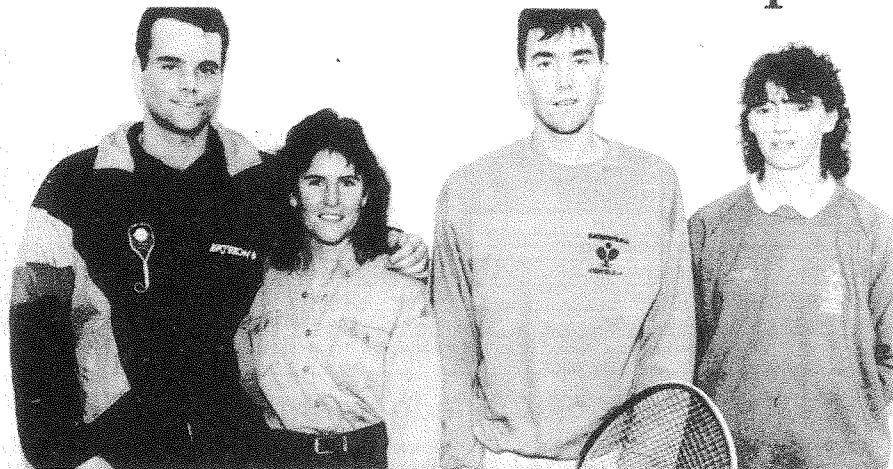
FRENCH CALENDAR 1992

May 8/10 EAST OPEN — STRASBOURG
 May 30/31 SOUTH WEST OPEN — BIARRITZ
 June 13/14 FRENCH NATIONALS — PARIS
 November 4/10 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS — STRASBOURG

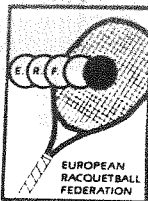
IRISH RANKING LISTS — May 1, 1992

GENTS SENIOR		WOMENS SENIOR		GENTS O-35		WOMENS O-35	
1 N O'Callaghan	93	1 B Farrell	78	1 P Duignan	49	1 B Redmond	12
2 A Butler	83	2 M Duignan	75	2 M Murphy	33	2 P O'Brien	12
3 J Gannon	62	3 B Brennan	61	3 J Donovan	30	3 N Ryan	12
4 C Slattery	30	4 P O'Brien	47	4 J Comerford	24	4 V Noonan	12
5 P Duignan	27	5 A M Whelan	38	5 M Ryan	24	5 C Kennedy	12
6 M Ryan	18	6 J Lynch	29	6 S Watters	23	6 A M O'Sullivan	9
7 M Murphy	15	7 C Kennedy	24	7 P Kennedy	20	7 K Grumbridge	9
8 M Rowlands	12	8 M Kavanagh	15	8 G Redmond	14	8 A Patterson	8
9 T Geelan	15	9 R Morrissey	12	9 V Fitzgerald	12	9 M Brosnan	3
10 M Lynch	12	10 G Byrne	9	10 M Mulhall	12	10 J Buckley	3

Tralee International 1992 champions

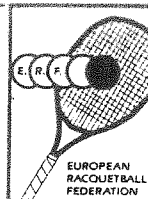


Pictured after the finals of the 1992 Tralee International (Irish Open) are left to right: Richard van Doezum (Holland), Mens Open winner; Bobbi Brennan (Ireland), Womens Open winner; Aichim Loof (Germany), Mens Open runner-up and Bernie Farrell (Ireland), Womens Open runner-up.



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EUROPEAN CALENDAR 1992

DATES	TOURNAMENTS	CITY	COUNTRY	CONTACT
June 9/14	JUNE FLORIADE INVITATION	Zoetermeer	Holland	H. Hehemann 079-413575
Aug. 15/22	6th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Montreal	Canada	IRF 719-635-5396
Sept 25/27	12th SWISS OPEN	Zurich	Switzerland	Mandred Kaiser 01-7618633
Oct 9/11	6th TOP GUN TOURNEY	Munchen	Germany	Jurgen Denk 089-4801220
Oct 23/25	7th AUTUMN OPEN	Zoetermeer	Holland	Jerome van der Holst 079-312118
Nov. 4/8	4th EUROPEAN MASTERS	Strasbourg	France	EFG 079-314575
Nov 20/22	10th BELGIAN OPEN	Brussels	Belgium	Erik Meyer 03-2318019
1993: July 23/27:	WORLD GAMES IV	The Hague	Holland	IRF. 719-635-5396
1994: Aug 5/13:	7th WORLD C'SHIPS	San Luis	Potosi, Mexico	IRF. 719-635-5396

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